



March 28, 1988

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From: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Soils Specialist HWS

Re: Site Inspection, Cactus Rat Mine, M/019/009, Grand County, Utah

On March 14, 1988, Frank Filas and I met with several representatives of Atlas Minerals at the Cactus Rat Mine site, northeast of Moab, Utah. Atlas Minerals officials included: Carl Dixon, Richard Blubaugh, and Joe D. Bierschide (reclamation contractor).

Atlas had initiated reclamation of the Cactus Rat site the week before our visit. Dozers were actively pushing soil and overburden material around at the site. The recontouring taking place will approximate the original contour as close as possible to accommodate drainage patterns in the area. No fertilizer will be applied and no topsoil was originally stockpiled. Seeding will follow that prescribed in the original plan. Richard Blubaugh indicated that they were thinking of adding another species to the plant mixture to be applied to the site, and that he would notify me if they were going to make the addition.

Mr. Bierschide indicated that moisture levels in the soil would be higher than usual this spring due to an above average amount of precipitation over the winter months. The elevated levels should benefit plant establishment this spring.

cc: L. Braxton
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